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It is appropriate on this bill. Any company that seeks benefits under this bill, we've had it told to us over and over that Union Pacific is not the only company involved. I referenced Union Pacific because of the article that I read to you and the conclusions I draw from it. But this amendment would apply to any company, so I hope you will adopt it. You will not weaken the bill. You will not prohibit a company from doing that which it ought not to do anyway. It is a shield for the employee. Why would we put in this bill protections for those who are under a collective bargaining agreement when it comes to these various programs that are to be supplied with this wage benefit credit money? Because the state felt that that was something it could put into this bill as a condition to the company getting these benefits. I believe this amendment that I'm offering deals with a matter more pressing and serious in its potential consequences to employees than some of those types of programs that we wanted to allow employees to negotiate about. I don't think genetic testing and genetic screening ought to even be subject to negotiation. Employees can be coerced. Employees can be pressured. Employees can be sold out by their union and by those who are supposed to negotiate for them. We ought to establish, as a policy of this state at every juncture, that there will be no genetic testing, no genetic screening of employees. If you have any questions, I will answer them.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Mr. Clerk, items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 853 is reported to General File with committee amendments attached by the Redistricting Committee, likewise with LB 854, LB 855, and LB 856. Senator Bromm, an amendment to LB 366 to be printed; Senator Thompson to LB 598; Senator Smith to LB 584. An additional study resolution, LR 96, by Senator Burling. That will be referred to the board. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1833-1839.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. As the agenda states, Final Reading at six o'clock, it is that time, and we will now